

**Land of Pharaohs
Cairo & Nile Cruise
7 days – 6 nights
Cairo, Giza, Aswan, Philae, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Luxor, Valley of the Kings
Relaxation, History, Culture, Cruising**

Day 1: Cairo

Arrival at Cairo International Airport where you will be met and assisted through passport and customs procedures. You will then be transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 2: Cairo (Egyptian Museum, Giza Pyramids, Sphinx and Solar Boat)

Following breakfast, we will start our special tour of the Museum of Antiquities in Cairo. The museum houses the greatest collection of pharaonic treasures in the world. We see these artifacts, including Tutankhamen's Collection of Golden Treasures and discover the museum's expansive collections. We then visit the Pyramids of Giza. Nothing evokes the long and intriguing history of Egypt as powerfully as the Pyramids. Rising from the desert, Khufu (Cheops), Khafra and Menkaura seems to symbolize the enigmatic tug of Egypt in our imaginations. The Great Pyramid immortalizes the son of Sneferu and Hetepheres. Though little is known of this pharaoh, his monument (the largest of the three) is comprised of 2.3 million stone blocks, each weighing an average 2.5 tons. You will get to enter Great Pyramid and visit the King's Chamber. You will continue to visit the colossal statue of the Great Sphinx. The Sphinx has stood guard over the pyramids for more than 4,500 years. Carved from an outcrop of rock, the Sphinx remains the ultimate symbol of Ancient Egypt, with its lion's body and human head. You will also visit the Solar Boat Museum. The history and the lifestyle of ancient Egyptian pharaohs comes alive before our eyes through the skilled narrations of our specialist guide. We return to our hotel for overnight. [B/L]

Day 3: Cairo, Aswan (High Dam, Philae)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Cairo Domestic Airport for our short flight to Aswan. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your cruise for check-in before lunch. Visit the highlights of the beautiful city of Aswan, which include the High Dam, the Granite Quarries and return to your cruise for lunch. In the afternoon visit the Temple of Philae, located on a beautiful island. The construction of the temple of Philae began under the reign of one of the last pharaohs of the Pharaonic era, Nectanebo I (XXXth Dynasty). It is later, under Greek rule, that the majority of buildings will be added, including the large temple of Isis. It will be finished by the Romans with the addition of the kiosk of Trajan, among others. This temple is one of the best preserved Ptolemaic temples in Egypt (with the Edfu Temple and the Abydos Complex) and was one of the most important sanctuaries in Egypt and Nubia until in 551 CE, when Emperor Justinian ordered its closure. Isis was very popular in the Roman era and its cult was maintained in the island until the early sixth century CE, even after the closure of Egyptian temples (at that time almost all of Egypt had been Christianized) imposed by the decree of Theodosius in 391 CE. Return to your cruise and begin sailing to Kom Ombo. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Kom Ombo, Edfu (Nile Cruise)

This morning after breakfast you will visit the Temple of Kom Ombo. Located on the eastern bank of the Nile, this sanctuary enjoys a very exceptional situation overlooking the river and an entire palm grove. The particularity of this building lies in its double character. This particular conception, unique in Egypt, responds to a strictly theological necessity since the temple is dedicated to two distinct divine triads: The left half, to the north, is reserved for the god Haroéris falcon, "Horus the Elder" or "Horus the Great", the goddess Tasentnefret, the "Good sister" and the god son Panebtaoui, the "Master of Two Lands". The right side, to the south, is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, to the goddess Hathor and to the god son Khonsu. The cruise will then sail to Edfu and you will visit the Horus Temple of Edfu after lunch. Edfu is the best-preserved temple of all ancient Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon god Horus, it was erected during the time of Ptolemy III. On the side walls of the first hypostyle hall, it can be read that the first stone of this temple was laid on the 7th epiphany of the year X of the reign of Ptolemy III (the father of Cleopatra) on 23 August 237 BC after the pharaoh,

assisted by the god Horus and his wife the goddess Hathor, marking the temple's perimeter. Return to the cruise for dinner and overnight on board. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Luxor (Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens)

After breakfast, you will begin your sightseeing of the western bank of the Nile River to see the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut in Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Although everything in the valley is very impressive the Temple of Hatshepsut certainly comes on top. Deir el-Bahari, "The Northern Convent" as it translates from Arabic, recalls the existence of the Coptic convent that was built there. Deir el-Bahari is located at the foot of the cliffs that determine the mountainous circus of Thebes, on the left bank of the Nile, facing the city of Luxor and the temple of Karnak, south of the Valley of the Kings. It is a funerary complex, consisting of temples and tombs dating from the 11th Dynasty (2134-1991 BC) to the Ptolemaic period (305-30 BC). Return to the cruise for dinner and overnight in Luxor. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Luxor (Karnak), Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast to visit the East bank, composed of the temples of Karnak and Luxor. Here is how Jean-François Champollion (1829) described his visit: "I finally went to the palace, or rather to the city of monuments, to Karnac. There appeared to me all of the Pharaonic magnificence, all the greatest that men have imagined and executed. All that I had seen at Thebes, all that I had enthusiastically admired on the left bank, seemed to me miserable in comparison to the gigantic conceptions with which I was surrounded. It will suffice to add, that in Europe we are only Lilliputians, and that no ancient or modern people have conceived the art of architecture on a scale so sublime, so large, so grand, as the old Egyptians did; they conceived of man a hundred feet high, and we have at most five feet eight inches. The European imagination, which rises well above our porticoes, stops and falls helpless at the foot of the one-hundred-and-forty-columns of the hypostyle hall of Karnak." Transfer to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight. [B]

Day 7: Cairo, USA

Breakfast then meeting at the hotel lobby for transfer to Cairo International Airport for your departure flight. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



You Tour includes:

- All transfers
- Assistance at airports
- 8 nights' accommodation:
 - Cairo – 3 nights
 - On cruise – 3 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 4 lunches
 - 3 dinners
- Full day tour of Cairo, the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and the Solar Boat Museum
- Sightseeing in Luxor and Aswan
- Private English-speaking Egyptologist guide in Cairo
- English-speaking guide while on cruise
- Entrance fees for visited sites

Tours does not include:

- International airline tickets
- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Entrance fees for sites not included
- Alcoholic, non-alcoholic beverages
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature
- Tourism and Harbor taxes

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior First Class		
Cairo	Ramses Hilton	4
	Sonesta Cairo	4
	Le Meridien Pyramids	4
Cruise	Sonesta Moon Goddess	5
	Movenpick Royal Lily	5
Deluxe		
Cairo	Intercontinental Semiramis	4
	Conrad	4.5
Cruise	Sonesta Moon Goddess	5
	Movenpick Royal Lily	5
Super Deluxe		
Cairo	Four Seasons	4.5
	Nile Ritz-Carlton	4.5
	St. Regis	NR
Cruise	Sonesta Moon Goddess	5
	Movenpick Royal Lily	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Season	Double	Single
Superior First Class		
May – September	\$929	\$1,369
October – December 24	\$1,265	\$1,719
December 25 – April '21	\$1,455	\$1,979
Deluxe		
May – September	\$1,035	\$1,359
October – December 24	\$1,119	\$1,625
December 25 – April '21	\$1,289	\$1,869
Super deluxe		
May – September	\$1,555	\$2,239
October – December 24	\$1,745	\$2,565
December 25 – April '21	\$2,009	\$2,949

Prices are per person and may change without notice

Domestic airfare:

Routing	Class	Cost
Cairo–Aswan/Luxor–Cairo	Economy	\$295

This fare may be cheaper if integrated in your international itinerary.

Consult your travel agent or HWDT

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